

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 29, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex and Councilmembers Caletka, Paul and Starkey. Also present were Acting Town Administrator Cohen, Town Attorney Monroe Kiar, and Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel recording the meeting. Vice-Mayor Crowley was absent.

Mr. Cohen summarized changes in the funding as follows: there was a shortfall in the General Fund of approximately \$4 million and in Utilities of about \$21 million over the five-year period. He wanted to minimize additional borrowing from the General Fund and indicated that several projects were still unfunded that needed to be addressed. Mr. Cohen advised that Utilities had been operating at a deficit, as there had been no rate change for a period of years. However, the Town would conduct a rate study to review utility rates and determine whether relevant project costs could be funded.

Councilmember Starkey recalled that the Planning Council had given approval for the Town's Transit Oriented Corridor and the Regional Activity Center projects based on future water consumption. She was concerned that it would not look good if the Town's position changed based on the statement to the Planning Council that these improvements had been included in the capital budget. Mr. Cohen agreed and summarized utility projects and funding. Councilmember Starkey felt the projects were not moving forward. Mr. Cohen pointed out that the agreement with the City of Sunrise prevented the Town from reviewing rates. However, when this agreement expired in 2006, the Town could resolve funding issues. He stated the Town could fund 2007 by utilizing reserves. He was not concerned about the upcoming year but wanted to put something together using the rate study to fund the entire project study.

Councilmember Paul felt a comparison with last year's capital budget was difficult. She asked that staff provide Council with a comparison of what items had fallen off, what had been completed, what was in progress, what was moved and why, and what was being added. Councilmember Paul did not think the process was followed clearly. Mr. Cohen advised staff would provide a comparison-tracking tool at the next update.

Councilmember Caletka preferred to spread out the projects over a longer period of time. Mr. Cohen advised that staff had removed \$1 million from the project but could make it an 8-year project.

Regarding Orange Drive improvements, Councilmember Starkey pointed out that Development Services data did not provide information on permitting or project approval dates. She felt there should be a comments section. Town Engineer Larry Peters advised that the project was \$150,000 short. Mr. Cohen stated that developers who impacted that roadway would contribute to the funding; however, Mr. Peters stated the Town had to fund the project. Mr. Cohen explained that the Town would apply for grants and if no money was received, the projects would be rolled over until funding was achieved.

In response to Councilmember Caletka, Police Chief John George advised that staff recommended pulling the refrigerated room item. Mr. Cohen stated there were not many unfunded items in the Police Department.

Councilmember Paul asked whether DUI cameras could be permanently mounted in take-home vehicles. Chief George responded in the affirmative. Councilmember Paul was concerned about installing specialized equipment on take-home vehicles that were not used continuously. Chief George advised that these cars were assigned to specialists in the field who would likely work in the afternoon. Councilmember Paul asked whether the equipment could be moved. Chief George said this was possible but with great difficulty. Councilmember Paul asked about commando rifles. Major Gary Killam explained these were falling apart due to age. Councilmember Paul felt the Durangos needed to be put in service more often. Chief George explained that this item would be removed but return in a few years if

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the need arose. Councilmember Paul questioned the request for two flat screen LCD's for dispatch computers. Major Killam explained they were requesting two computers in dispatch - not just the screens and he indicated that the terminology would be corrected.

Councilmember Starkey was in favor of a GIS in every police vehicle and asked about the cost. Chief George stated this was in the capital budget for 2006.

Regarding the pavement overlay project, Councilmember Paul did not want to go west of Flamingo Road. She spoke of the dangerous road conditions. She felt even after paving the roadway would still be uneven. She wanted some way to compensate for the rolling effect on the roadway. She felt the Town should do more than just pave the right hand lane and instead make the whole road even. Mr. Cohen indicated he would identify funding for the Council's next review.

Councilmember Paul recalled her previous request for a copy of Chen & Associates generator study. Mr. Cohen indicated he would provide this information.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Andresky advised that the building project was originally estimated at \$300,000; however, bids had come in significantly higher, so the building plan was reduced to approximately 1,600 square feet. Councilmember Starkey requested an estimate on adding tennis courts and a tennis center at Pine Island Park. Mr. Cohen stated staff was looking into this. Councilmember Starkey added that the memorial should be in the capital budget. Mr. Cohen advised this was a separate item and should not be included. He would meet with Budget and Finance Director William Underwood to review this.

Councilmember Paul recalled that relocation of the pool at Falcon's Lea had been in the capital budget for six to seven years. Mr. Andresky stated that the building project had been removed. Councilmember Paul objected to this and asked that it be placed back in the capital plan. Councilmember Starkey agreed and requested the minutes with the discussion on the acquisition of the property. Councilmember Paul wanted more consideration given to this community. Mayor Truex asked whether a grant could be used for Falcon's Lea pool. Mr. Cohen advised it could not be done this year.

Councilmember Starkey asked whether Math Igler Groves was on the capital budget. Mr. Cohen advised that it was on for 2006 but that staff would bring back modifications to 2006 and added that staff still needed to get the management plan to the County. Mr. Andresky spoke of contaminated soil removal issues at the site and advised the Town had until November 20th to complete removal. Acting Public Works Director Dan Oyler added that staff hoped to move quickly on this issue.

Councilmember Starkey asked about the status of Sunny Lake and the Van Kirk sites. Mr. Andresky summarized the cost breakdown based on the Florida Communities Trust grant requirements. Mr. Oyler advised the fencing was complete except for one small section. Councilmember Starkey asked about the Van Kirk grant requirements. Mr. Cohen advised that the outstanding issues with permits had been resolved and staff would start moving forward. Councilmember Starkey wanted to add Vitacourse equipment along Linear Park using the bond. Mr. Cohen advised that staff would provide Councilmembers with their District's costs for this equipment.

Councilmember Paul asked about plans for a dive rescue vehicle. Assistant Fire Chief Frank Suriano advised that the Fire Department was not planning to purchase a new vehicle but wanted to convert older ones. He was not aware of any grant opportunities for this but would apply if any became available. Councilmember Paul asked if there was any effort to create a regional dive team. Chief Suriano was not aware of this.

Councilmember Starkey felt Fire Station 68 was a priority in light of officers' health and safety and poor environmental conditions on site. She wanted to relocate the cell phone tower. Mr. Cohen stated that the Town would have to do this as the owner might not be willing to pay. Chief Suriano added that the lot size was not big enough for the size of station needed. Councilmember Starkey pointed out that residents had supported this station from the bond.

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Councilmember Paul requested that SW 26th Street and SW 20th Street sidewalk projects be put off until 2011. Councilmember Starkey wanted to the work on SW 26th Street to continue from Hiatus Road to Flamingo Road up to Peaceful Ridge Road. She also wanted work continued at Hiatus Road north to State Road 84.

In response to Councilmember Caletka's questions, Information Systems Director Frank Apicella explained the technology infrastructure upgrade. Councilmember Caletka felt the computer cost was an over-estimate and wanted staff to bid this out. Mr. Apicella advised that staff was doing this. Councilmember Caletka asked about the server farm. Mr. Apicella advised that the Town had roughly 24 in service between Town Hall and the Police Department, however, they were outdated.

Mayor Truex wanted to see the Town Hall project returned to the budget. Councilmember Paul agreed. Mayor Truex asked when this would be discussed again and whether another workshop was planned. Mr. Cohen stated that he would plan a workshop at Council's request. Councilmember Starkey stated that the current facility was falling apart and asked about the space study. Mr. Cohen advised that this had been completed. Mayor Truex added that the Community Redevelopment Agency could help the Town build the new Town Hall. Redevelopment Administrator Will Allen advised that the approximate cost was \$250-\$300 per square foot, which would result in \$10.6 - \$12.6 million total based on 42,000 square feet or \$17-20 million based on 68,000 square feet. Mayor Truex requested this as an add-on item. Council had no objections.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, Mayor Truex adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk